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New Paltz, NY - On Tuesday, October 12, 2010, from 9:00am to 12:30am, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and the SUNY New Paltz School of Business will host a Hudson Valley Region Small Business Forum to highlight federal and state tax credits and programs now available for small businesses, including those established by the Affordable Care Act and Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act. **The event will be held in Lecture Center #102 on the SUNY New Paltz Campus located at 1 Hawk Drive in New Paltz.**

Those seeking to register for the event can contact the School of Business at 845-257-2930 or e-mail Dr. Hadi Salavitarbar at salavith@newpaltz.edu with their name, address, telephone number and email address. The schedule of events will be as follows.

9:00am

Registration

9:30am

Welcome: Hadi Salavitarbar, Ph.D., Dean School of Business, SUNY at New Paltz
Opening Remarks: Congressman Maurice Hinchey

10:00am

Panel Discussion: Federal and State Tax Credits, Services and Products for Small Businesses

Panelist will include:

- Jorge P. Silva-Puras, SBA Regional Administrator, Region II (NY, NJ, PR and USVI)
- Jaime R. Torres, DPM, MS, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Regional Director, Region II (NY, NJ, PR,VI)
- Arnaldo Sehwerert, Director, Mid-Hudson Valley Small Business Development Center
- Susan Jaffe, Empire State Development Mid-Hudson Regional Director

- Thomas Kane, IRS, Governmental Liaison & Disclosure, Northeast Area
- John King, Vice President, New York Business Development Corporation
- Suzanne Reusch, Taxpayer Service Specialist III, NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance
- Richard Torres, Senior Stakeholder Liaison, Internal Revenue Service

12:00pm

Open Discussion/ Q&A

12:30pm

Conclusion

This event is co-sponsored by SUNY at New Paltz School of Business, Business Alliance of Kingston, Dutchess County Regional Chamber, Kingston Uptown Business Association, Gateway to Entrepreneurial Tomorrows, Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation, New Paltz Region Chamber of Commerce, Orange County Business Accelerator, Orange County Chamber of Commerce, Orange County Partnership, Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development, Ulster County Development Corporation, Ulster County Industrial Development Agency, and Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The event is free and open to the public, and media are invited to attend.

